

Prayer Diary for Thanksgiving

One-Week Special

August is here, and as quite a few of our regular activities take a summer break, and their leaders have a well-deserved rest, I thought that it would be a good time to look back and give thanks for the ways God has been at work in our church and parish.

We also want to ask God for his wisdom and his help going forward, so that his ministry here may continue and grow stronger. Mark.

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th August

MONDAY 3rd

- Give thanks to God for our recent children's Holiday Club – for all the children who attended and the families we got to know. Also thank God for another year of Little Fishes, Tea Time Church, Lego Church and the Ignite youth group and Sunday Funtime.
- Please pray for wisdom and strength for all who serve on these children's and youth teams, and also for a growth in numbers of families who attend our services (especially Sundays at St Mark's).

TUESDAY 4th

- Give thanks for all the progress that has been made on the New Church Hall Project, and for the amazingly generous grant from the Evelyn May Trust that has made these plans possible.
- Please pray that the necessary reports that we have asked for will soon be completed, so that the Planning Application prepared by the architect can be submitted. Pray for a successful outcome.

WEDNESDAY 5th

- Give thanks for our mid-week services Wednesday Worshippers and Together. Thank God for all those who've attended regularly, for the support and encouragement that they have given to each other, and for the guests that we have welcomed.
- Please pray that new people find their way to these services when they restart in Sept, and they continue to be vibrant and loving groups. Pray also for all who lead, speak at and organise them.

THURSDAY 6th

- Thank God for each of our activities and ministries, which have served local people over the last year – including Bethany, Coffee Mornings, Stewsdays, Craft Group and Food Bags – as well as our visits to local schools, especially by Hannah.
- Please pray that each of these would be used by God throughout the coming year, and that He would give the leaders and all who help the strength they need to continue serving others.

FRIDAY 7th

- Give thanks for all the times people have experienced God's love because of our activities, groups and help from the Church Office. Thank God for all those who have heard the Good News through our services, Christianity Explored and through church members.
- Continue to pray for a Great Awakening across our parish and our town. Please pray that all we do as a church will be used by God to share the Gospel Message and show his love to many.

SATURDAY 8th

- Thank God for our church family and the way in which we can support one another. Thank Him for all the care that goes on by so many different people in so many ways. Give thanks for all who pray regularly for our life and ministry together.
- Pray that we would continue to love one another and help each other spiritually and practically. And pray that, we will continue to pray together in whatever way we can – morning prayers, prayer meetings, WhatsApp prayers, and using our Prayer Diary.

SUNDAY 9th

- Give thanks for another year of Sunday Services in St John's and St Mark's. Thank God for all the people who have come into our buildings for these – church family and visitors. Give great thanks that we continue to be able to worship freely, when others can't.
- Please pray that our church services will be encouraging, uplifting, challenging, worshipful for all who attend, and that those who lead and preach will be faithful to God's Word and guided by His Spirit.